

--32. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the CD81 protein consists of the sequence of amino acids shown at positions 113-201 of the human CD81 amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO:21--

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 is a sequence alignment showing the homology between human (SEQ ID NO:21), chimpanzee (SEQ ID NO:16), green monkey (SEQ ID NO:17), hamster (SEQ ID NO:18), rat (SEQ ID NO:19) and mouse (SEQ ID NO:20) CD81 gene sequences.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."